

Marked and Tagged Fish



In evaluating fish stocks, the DNR often marks fish with a visible tag, an internal tag or fin clips. **If you catch a tagged fish, please record the tag number and as much of the following information as possible: species, length, weight, sex, and date and location caught.** Enter

the data online at www.michigan.gov/dnr on the Marked and Tagged Fish page under Fishing, or notify the nearest DNR Operations Service Center (see p. 31). **If releasing the fish, carefully remove and retain the tag from all species except lake sturgeon.** This will allow for more accurate recording of the tag number.

Many Great Lakes trout/salmon have been marked with a microscopic coded-wire tag implanted in the head of the fish. Fish with these tags can be identified by the absence of the adipose fin (see diagram). If you catch a trout or salmon with ONLY its adipose fin missing, that fish could have such a tag. Please record the information listed above, freeze only the head and take it to your nearest drop site location. A list of drop sites can be found online (see above) or by calling 517-373-1280. Thank you for your assistance.

